## JSC Standards of Ethical Conduct Determination [Section 2635.204(g)(2)-(6) -- Widely Attended Gatherings]

On November 4, 2004, the Greater Houston Partnership, in connection with Houston Community College; HaynesBoone; Huron Consulting Group; Southwest Bank of Texas; Chase Bank; Locke, Liddell, and Sapp; Sterling Bank; Lane Page Design Group; and the Houston Chronicle, is hosting the 2004 Houston's Greatest awards dinner at the Hilton Americas, 1600 Lamar, Houston, TX. The event is intended to honor those businesses, institutions, and individuals who have positively impacted and are identified with Houston. Honorees at this inaugural event are Ben Love, the NASA Johnson Space Center, and 11 other companies that have helped shape and distinguish the greater Houston area. JSC officials and their guests have been invited to attend and participate in this event at no cost.

The event, which will include dinner and a program, is to begin at 6:30 p.m. and last until 9:00 p.m. It will be a widely attended gathering of individuals from business, industry, government, and the Houston area. The event is of direct interest to NASA and serves as a forum for facilitating the widest practicable dissemination of information concerning the Agency, the U.S. civilian space program.

It is my determination that it is in the Agency's interest for NASA invitees and their guests to attend this event. Their attendance outweighs any concern that the acceptance of any benefits may, or may appear to improperly influence any NASA employee in the performance of official duties.

Accordingly, NASA invitees are authorized to attend and to accept any food and refreshments offered in conjunction with this event, at no cost.

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